

EXHIBIT 2

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION

6 ePLUS, INC. : Civil Action No.
7 vs. : 3:09CV620
8 LAWSON SOFTWARE, INC. : January 12, 2011

11 COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE JURY TRIAL
12 BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. PAYNE
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, AND A JURY

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1 rendered in this case at a high level?

2 A I was asked to investigate the structure, function, and
3 operation of specific features within the Lawson system.

4 Q Did you render any opinions on whether the Lawson system
5 you studied infringes the patents?

6 A No, I was not asked to. I did not.

7 Q Do you understand whether or not ePlus has another expert
8 that performed that function?

9 A Yes, my understanding is that Dr. Weaver is responsible
10 for rendering those opinions.

11 Q Could you describe for the jury the circumstances under
12 which you reviewed the Lawson source code?

13 A Yes. The source code was made available at a secure
14 location in Washington, D.C. I traveled to that location on at
15 least seven occasions and spent a total of at least 19 days
16 reviewing the source code. I was also able to print excerpts
17 of the source code for later review.

18 Q Did you review the entire amount of the source code that
19 was produced by Lawson?

20 A No. I reviewed the portions of it that I determined were
21 applicable to the functionality I was asked to investigate.

22 Q What specific functions of Lawson system were you asked to
23 investigate?

24 A I was asked to look at features of the S3 product
25 including category and keyword search, shopping cart

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1 functionality, requisition creation, purchase order generation,
2 and what's known as punchout.

3 Q How did you figure out --

4 THE COURT: Go through those again, would you?
5 Category, search?

6 THE WITNESS: Category and keyword search, category
7 search and keyword search, shopping cart functionality,
8 requisition generation, purchase order generation, and what
9 Lawson calls their punchout feature.

10 THE COURT: Thank you.

11 Q And how did you figure out what source code was relevant
12 to those functions?

13 A I began by reviewing the available demonstration material
14 which illustrated the functionality, and from there I was able
15 to identify the user interface features that supported that and
16 the code which implements or supports those user interface
17 features.

18 From there I was able to trace the flow of the program
19 from the user interface elements through the, what I call the
20 back end, the Lawson 4GL COBOL programs, and ultimately to the
21 database structures involved. This is the kind of thing you do
22 routinely in working with software, so I was able to trace the
23 flow through the code.

24 Q Besides the source code itself, were there any other
25 documents that you found particularly helpful to your study and

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1 understanding of Lawson source code?

2 A Yes. There were Lawson technical documents that I
3 reviewed. One in particular that comes to mind is the Lawson
4 4GL application programmer interface reference document.

5 MS. ALBERT: Could you please put on the screen
6 Plaintiff's Exhibit 470.

7 Q Mr. Niemeyer, you could either look in your binder or its
8 on your monitor there. Could you take a look at Plaintiff's
9 Exhibit 470, and is this the document that you referenced?

10 A Yes, it is the one I was referring to.

11 Q How did you use this document during your study of
12 Lawson's source code?

13 A So this is a reference document of the type that a
14 programmer would use when developing this Lawson systems. It
15 is sort of a dictionary or encyclopedia-like document that
16 defines specific features provided by the Lawson system to the
17 programs.

18 So as I would come across usages of these features within
19 the source code, I would reference this document to learn their
20 precise meaning and usage.

21 Q Is this reference manual the type of document that a
22 source code expert like you would reasonably rely on in reading
23 and understanding the functionality of source code?

24 A Yes, it is.

25 Q Mr. Niemeyer, approximately how many hours would you say

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1 key table is the ITEMMAST table on the left of this diagram
2 which contains information about items that can be
3 requisitioned within the system, and from -- another table that
4 I'll point out is the POITEMVEN which contains vendor
5 information pertaining to specific items within the ITEMMAST
6 table.

7 Q You mentioned this term relational database. What is a
8 relational database?

9 A The term relational just means that a piece of data within
10 the database can refer to or point to another piece of data in
11 various ways.

12 Q Would you explain the difference between when you say the
13 item master database and when you are referring to this item
14 master or ITEMMAST table?

15 A Yes. So the ITEMMAST table is a specific table within the
16 database. More generally, Lawson documentation refers to the
17 database as a whole or collectively as the item master
18 database, presumably drawing its name from that key table.

19 THE COURT: The ITEMMAST table has what in it?

20 THE WITNESS: It consequence /TAEUPBS information
21 about items which can be requisitioned.

22 Q What are some of the types of information about the items
23 that are contained in that table?

24 A It contains an item number for the item, a textual
25 description of the item, and other information about the item.

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1 screen.

2 Q What, if any, database tables does the source code use to
3 conduct this category search functionality?

4 A There are two. One is called IC item code, ICITEMCODE,
5 and the other is the previously mentioned ITEMMAST table.

6 Q Do both of those tables belong to that same item master
7 database that you described earlier?

8 A Yes, they do.

9 Q What information is contained within that ICITEMCODE table
10 that would be relevant to searching by category?

11 A The ICITEMCODE table contains the textual description of
12 the levels of the UNSPSC hierarchy and the corresponding codes
13 that are assigned to those levels.

14 Q And what information does the item master table store that
15 is relevant to searching by category?

16 A The item master table contains -- in addition to the item
17 descriptions, contains the corresponding UNSPSC codes
18 indicating where they belonged in that hierarchy.

19 Q When the category selection is chosen by a user from that
20 find/shop menu, what is the first thing that happens in the
21 source code?

22 A When a user chooses to bring up a category search screen,
23 a request is made from the user's web browser to the back end
24 of the Lawson system. Specifically Lawson calls this kind of
25 request a data request, and it is -- it is handled by the --

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1 These are prefixed with the KWD abbreviation, and they are
2 keyword synonym, keyword master, keyword detail, and keyword
3 setup. These tables comprise an index of the available search
4 terms, and then there are three tables above, ITEMMAST which I
5 previously mentioned, POITEMVEN, and a table called ITEMLOC,
6 I-T-E-M-L-O-C, are used after the search is performed to
7 retrieve the item information.

8 Q And do all of these tables belong to that item master
9 database that you illustrated earlier?

10 A Yes, they do.

11 Q What data is contained or what is the keyword detail
12 table?

13 A Keyword detail table is the key index of search terms, and
14 it relates a specific search term which has been found to the
15 origin field in which it was located and the item number of the
16 item in which it was found.

17 Q And what types of data is contained in that table?

18 A Well, as I said, there's an item number, a keyword, and an
19 origin field.

20 Q Would you please explain briefly how the functionality to
21 build the keyword detail table is implemented in the source
22 code?

23 A So my understanding is when the system is set up
24 initially, users determine which origin fields are to be
25 enabled for search, and the terms are gathered from the data

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1 browser and hits the search button, the search term is conveyed
2 as part of a request to the server side components which causes
3 the Lawson 4GL COBOL program called RQIC to be executed. The
4 RQIC program ultimately performs a search of the keyword detail
5 table for occurrences of that term that have been previously
6 indexed.

7 Any matching records from the keyword detail table are
8 then used to find the corresponding items in the ITEMMAST table
9 and data gets gathered from the PO and ITEMLOC tables. All of
10 those results are formatted as XML and ultimately returned to
11 the item web browser and formatted as a search word.

12 Q When the search code searches the keyword tables to locate
13 the keywords that the user typed in, does the source code
14 search the item master table at all?

15 A No, it does not. It only searches the keyword detail
16 table and the associated keyword tables.

17 Q Now, I'd like to turn to the functionality for the adding
18 items to a shopping cart and building a requisition. Does the
19 source code of the Lawson system implement functionality that
20 allows a user to select desired items for requisition from a
21 list of results returned from either this category or keyword
22 search that you discussed?

23 A Yes, it implements a shopping cart functionality whereby
24 the user can indicate that an item from a search result should
25 be added to the shopping cart. Items can be added and removed

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1 until checkout operation is performed. Similar to the way you
2 shop on Amazon or another web business.

3 Q Now, what, if any, database tables are involved in this
4 shopping cart functionality?

5 A There are three. Two of them are prefixed with the term
6 REQ. One is called REQHEADER and the other is called REQLINE.
7 The third is called PO interface which we mentioned before,
8 POITERFAC.

9 Q And what information is stored in that REQLINE table
10 that's relevant to the shopping cart functionality?

11 A The REQLINE table holds the individual line items
12 representing items that were selected to be added to the
13 shopping cart.

14 Q Does this REQLINE table also contain a status field?

15 A Yes, it does. In addition to the item information, it
16 contains a status which can indicate that the item is either --
17 while in the shopping cart, it's in a state called unreleased.

18 Q What does that mean?

19 A It means that it is part of a shopping cart and not yet
20 part of a requisition.

21 Q And is there another status that can be indicated in this
22 status field in addition to the unreleased status that you
23 mentioned?

24 A Yes. So I'd just say both the REQLINE and REQHEADER table
25 that I mentioned which are involved in this contain a status

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1 4GL COBOL program called RQIF, or release requisition, is
2 invoked.

3 Its first job is to update the status that I mentioned
4 before in both the REQHEADER and REQLINE tables from an
5 unreleased to a released value. The second step is to create
6 records in the PO interface table, POINTERFAC table, which make
7 those records, make that information then available to the
8 purchase order system.

9 Q Are records created in this PO interface table at the time
10 when items are initially added to the shopping cart?

11 A No. They are only created after the checkout operation is
12 performed.

13 Q Are the records in the REQHEADER and REQLINE tables
14 available to the purchase order system prior to that checkout
15 button being pressed?

16 A No, they are made available by virtue of the records in
17 the PO interface table.

18 Q Now I'd like to turn to the process for generating a
19 purchase order. Does a source code of the Lawson system
20 implement functionality that generates one or more purchase
21 orders corresponding to the items listed in a requisition built
22 using the Lawson system?

23 A Yes, it does. The user can use a program called PO 100 to
24 generate one or more purchase orders from a requisition.

25 Q Does the source code indicate anything about when multiple

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1 purchase orders would be created from line items in a single
2 requisition?

3 A Yes. As part of the purchase order generation process,
4 the requisition items are essentially sorted in order to
5 produce a separate purchase order for each vendor corresponding
6 to items in the requisition.

7 Q Have you prepared a demonstrative to explain how this
8 functionality is implemented in the source code?

9 A Yes, I have.

10 MS. ALBERT: Mike, could we have slide 27, please.

11 Q Now, what, if any, database tables are involved in this
12 purchase order functionality?

13 A There are three depicted here. The first is the PO
14 interface table which I mentioned previously. The two new
15 tables are -- one is called PURCHORDER, short for purchase
16 order, P-U-R-C-H-O-R-D-E-R, and the second is POLINE,
17 P-O-L-I-N-E, short for purchase order line.

18 Q What information is stored in the PO interface table
19 that's relevant to the purchase order generation function?

20 A Well, I mentioned before, this serves to make the
21 requisition information available to the purchase order system.

22 Q And what information does the PURCHORDER or purchase order
23 table store that's relevant to the purchase order generation
24 function?

25 A A record in the PURCHORDER table represents a specific

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1 purchase order for a given vendor.

2 Q What information does the POLINE table store that's
3 relevant to this purchase order generation function?

4 A The POLINE table contains the individual line items for a
5 specific purchase order. They relate to a given record in the
6 PURCHORDER table, and they contain the information by an
7 individual requested item.

8 Q Using your diagram, would you explain how that
9 functionality, generating one or more purchase orders, is
10 implemented in the source code?

11 A Yes. So after the user indicates that they would like to
12 generate purchase orders for a requisition, a request is made
13 to the server side, and the Lawson 4GL program PO 100 is
14 executed. That program reads records from the PO interface
15 table, and as I described before, essentially sorts them in
16 order to create a separate PURCHORDER record for each vendor
17 having items within the requisition.

18 The corresponding line items are added to the POLINE table
19 for that PURCHORDER, and while this process is happening, a
20 textual report is being generated that the user can later print
21 as an actual purchase order.

22 Q Now, Mr. Niemeyer, I'd like to turn to the procurement
23 punchout application which we discussed earlier. Does the
24 source code of the Lawson system implement the procurement
25 punchout functionality?

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1 other mechanisms we described.

2 Q How is this punchout process different, for instance, from
3 when I access a retail website for my home computer on my
4 browser at my computer?

5 A It's different in that the Lawson system is intermediating
6 it or controlling it in several ways. When you do -- when you
7 shop on your computer at home you are connecting directly to a
8 website like Amazon or something, and all the communication is
9 direct.

10 In the case of the Lawson system foundation, this is
11 happening within the context of the requisition self-service
12 application. The Lawson system both establishes the connection
13 to their remote site, performs a login operation for the user,
14 and then finally when the shopping is done, those results are
15 communicated back to the Lawson system directly which it then
16 incorporates into the user shopping cart within RSS,
17 requisition self-service.

18 MS. ALBERT: Thank you, Mr. Niemeyer. I have no
19 further questions. Please answer any questions that Ms.
20 Stoll-DeBell may have.

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22 CROSS-EXAMINATION

23 BY MS. STOLL-DeBELL:

24 Q Good morning, Mr. Niemeyer.

25 A Good morning.

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1 Q So I think I'll reask the question, because I'm not sure I
2 got an answer to it. There is a schema for the item data in
3 the ITEMMAST table.

4 A Yes, yes, there is.

5 Q And that's defined by the source code for Lawson's
6 inventory control module?

7 A Loosely described, yes. There are files which describe
8 the schema -- there are files which describe the schema which I
9 found within the source code. Technically I wouldn't call them
10 source code. They are schema files.

11 Q And schema defines what fields are included in the
12 ITEMMAST table?

13 A Yes, it describes them.

14 Q And is a field -- I think of it as being an attribute for
15 an item. Would you agree with that?

16 A Sure.

17 Q So, for example, item number would be a field of the
18 ITEMMAST items?

19 A Yes. It has a different name, but there is a field that
20 represents the item number.

21 Q And item description would be another one?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Unit of measure another one?

24 A Yes.

25 Q You could have provided a list of all of the item master

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1 fields in your expert report; that is something you are capable
2 of doing?

3 A Yes.

4 Q But you did not do so?

5 A No, I did not.

6 Q Do you agree with me that the item master schema does not
7 include a field for vendor name?

8 A The ITEMMAST table contains, among other things, what are
9 known as user defined fields which can be supplied by the user
10 with whatever information they like which could include vendor
11 name or vendor number, things like that. Additionally, I point
12 out that the POITEMVEN table relates to the item master table
13 by virtue of its item number.

14 Q But that's not what I asked you. I asked you does the
15 ITEMMAST table have a field for vendor name?

16 A Other than the user defined field which could be used for
17 that purpose, it doesn't have a specific field.

18 Q It can be used for any purpose, you can put anything in
19 there at all; correct?

20 A Yes.

21 Q So I'll ask you again. Does the ITEMMAST table --

22 THE COURT: I think he's answered. He said twice now
23 that --

24 MS. STOLL-DeBELL: I'd just like him to say no, Your
25 Honor.